WHEREAS, there are many children who lose their parents through desertion, illness, family disorganization or abuse and need someone's help; and,

WHEREAS, unfortunately, it is not always good for children to remain with their own family due to circumstances within the family that may be no-one's fault: and,

WHEREAS, there are many children with mental or physical handicaps, or emotional or unusual behavior problems beyond the capability of their own parents to cope with; and,

WHEREAS, Foster Parents can provide these children with the love, care, training, discipline and understanding they so desperately need; and,

WHEREAS, There is in South Dakota a great need for more Foster Parents for the children in our State who, for whatever the reason, cannot remain in their own homes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week of April 8, through April 14, 1973, as

SOUTH DAKOTA ACTION FOR FOSTER CHILDREN WEEK

to coincide with National Action For Foster Children Week as proclaimed by the President of the United States.

During this observance I would urge all citizens of this State to join with others in efforts to improve foster family services in South Dakota to meet the needs of foster children, present and future. I would further commend those agencies and individuals involved in the foster care program for their outstanding efforts and for opening their homes and their hearts to foster children. I urge that they continue to improve the fine programs they presently have, and further urge individuals not now foster parents, but who would still like to do something on behalf of foster children to join local voluntary action programs to improve vitally needed services to foster children and to commit themselves to speak out for foster children and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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